

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A cap for a pair of scissors, the scissors including two scissor pieces, each having a handle and a blade provided with a cutting edge, and a pin connecting the two scissor pieces so as to enable the scissor pieces to be opened and closed, wherein the cutting edges of the two blades intersect each other at an intersecting point that moves along a predetermined movement path when the two blades are opened and closed, the cap comprising:
 - a cap body for accommodating the two blades;
 - an engaging portion detachably engaged with at least one of the pin and either one of the scissor pieces to keep the two blades accommodated in the cap body; and
 - a slit formed in the cap body, wherein the slit is located at a portion of the cap body, which accommodates the two blades, corresponding to at least part of the movement path, the slit receiving an object that is to be cut by the cutting edges in the slit,
wherein the cap body includes a guide extending continuously from the slit, the guide guiding the object after being cut out of the cap body.
2. (Original) The cap according to claim 1, wherein the movement path is substantially straight, and the slit extends along the movement path and has a uniform width.
3. (Original) The cap according to claim 1, wherein the slit extends along the movement path from a distal end of the cap body to a portion of the cap body corresponding to an initial intersecting point at which the two cutting edges intersect each other when the two blades are opened as wide as possible in the cap body.

4. (Canceled)
5. (Currently Amended) The cap according to claim 1[[4]], wherein the guide extends outward from the slit in a lateral direction of the cap body.
6. (Currently Amended) The cap according to claim 1[[4]], wherein the guide is curved in an arcuate manner.
7. (Currently Amended) The cap according to claim 1[[4]], wherein the cap body includes two cover walls spaced from each other by a predetermined distance in an axial direction of the pin, and the guide is one of a pair of guides, each formed in one of the two cover walls, the pair of guides extending away from the slit in opposite directions.
8. (Original) The cap according to claim 1, wherein the cap body includes two cover walls, which are spaced from each other by a predetermined distance in an axial direction of the pin, and two side walls connecting the two cover walls to each other, the side walls being curved toward each other.
9. (Original) The cap according to claim 8, wherein the distance between inner surfaces of the two side walls is determined so that the two blades in the cap body come into contact with the inner surfaces of the two side walls.

10. (Original) The cap according to claim 1, wherein the two sides of the cap body, with respect to a lateral direction of the cap body, are curved to partially narrow the cap body.

11. (Currently Amended) The cap according to claim 1, wherein the cap body includes two side walls ~~the two sides of the cap body~~, with respect to a lateral direction of the cap body, ~~include a slip guard~~ the outer surface of each side wall having a rough texture.

12. (Currently Amended) The cap according to claim 1, wherein the engaging portion is an engaging slit for engaging ~~an end~~ a head of the pin projecting from the two scissor pieces.

13. (Original) The cap according to claim 12, wherein the cap body includes a basal end provided with an opening, with the two blades being inserted in the cap body through the opening, and the engaging slit extending toward a distal end of the cap body from the basal end.

14. (Currently Amended) The cap according to claim 13, wherein the engaging slit includes a guiding portion extending from the basal end toward the distal end of the cap body and a holding portion connected to the guiding portion, the guiding portion guiding the ~~end~~ head of the pin toward the holding portion when the two blades are inserted in the cap body, and the holding portion engaging and holding the ~~end~~ head of the pin.

15. (Currently Amended) The cap according to claim 14, wherein the width of the guiding portion varies from the basal end toward the distal end of the cap body between a width that is greater than a diameter of the ~~end~~ head of the pin and a width that is smaller than the diameter of the ~~end~~ head of the pin.

16. (Currently Amended) The cap according to claim 15, wherein the diameter of the holding portion is substantially the same as the diameter of the head of the pin.

17. (Original) The cap according to claim 14, wherein the engaging slit further includes a cutout portion extending from the holding portion toward the distal end of the cap body.

18. (Currently Amended) A pair of scissors comprising:

two scissor pieces, each having a handle and a blade provided with a cutting edge;

a pin connecting the two scissor pieces so as to enable the scissor pieces to be opened and closed, wherein the cutting edges of the two blades intersect each other at an

5 intersecting point that moves along a predetermined movement path when the two blades are opened and closed;

a cap for accommodating the two blades, the cap including:

an engaging portion detachably engaged with at least one of the pin and either one of the scissor pieces to keep the two blades accommodated in the cap; and

10 a slit formed in the cap, wherein the slit is located at a portion of the cap, which accommodates the two blades, corresponding to at least part of the movement path, the slit receiving an object that is to be cut by the cutting edges in the slit; and

a guide formed in the cap, the guide extending continuously from the slit to guide the object after being cut out of the cap body.

19. (Original) The scissors according to claim 18, further comprising an urging member for moving the two scissor pieces away from each other.

20. (Original) The scissors according to claim 19, wherein the urging member urges the two scissor pieces so that the two blades in the cap come into contact with an inner surface of the cap.